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Attachment 3

**To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training**

From: Jeff Seaton, Fire Service Training Specialist III - Steering Committee Chair

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Steering Committee Report

Recommended Actions: Information/Discussion

Background Information:

The Steering Committee was formed in the Spring of 2017 and is comprised of the following Stakeholder Groups: California State Training Officers Section (North and South), California Fire Technology Directors Association (North and South), Accredited Local Academies (ALA) (North and South), California Professional Fire Fighters, and a CAL FIRE.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

There have been challenges for our stakeholders surrounding the implementation of the National Certification / SFT Fire Fighter 1 process and some concern regarding the future of other certification tracks. We have discussed the following items brought to us and have the following suggestions.

1. The committee suggests that SFT staff provide a clearer picture to all stakeholders about how they can collaborate with their local ARTP without being as reliant as it first seemed that they would need to be. This misinterpretation has caused an increase of Fire Departments wanting to become an ALA. Many have and many more are currently pursuing becoming an ALA, and most of the agencies who have become an ALA in the past two-years or who are pursuing becoming an ALA currently do not meet the ALA standards according to SFT Policies. A concerted effort must be made so that all of the options regarding the current National Certification testing process is communicated to all stakeholders.
2. The committee suggests that SFT staff change the Fire Fighter II Course Plan Prerequisite from "Certified Fire Fighter I" to having the Prerequisite state "Meet the educational requirements for Fire Fighter I"

3. The committee suggests that SFT staff investigates whether ALA'S can implement a more stringent testing standard. For example, can they reduce the number of attempts from four to three.
4. The committee suggests that SFT staff delay the implementation of a IFSAC/Pro Board Fire Fighter II certification until the 2018 Edition of NFPA 1001 is published.
5. The committee suggests to STEAC that a Joint Powers Authority NOT be allowed to become an ALA, per the current SFT Policy.
6. The committee suggests that SFT staff look into changing language that would allow an "ALA who signs an MOU/Contract, trains and educates Fire Fighters who are working for another Fire Department also be permitted to facilitate the testing of those Fire Recruits".
7. The committee suggests that SFT staff look at changing language so that Non-Fire Suppression Personnel can attend the following type of classes: Human Resources and Budget. They would still not be able to become Certified but would be allowed to attend the training to increase their knowledge in the fire service. There are many options on how this can be completed.
8. The committee suggests that SFT looks to create a standardized online "per test question" time. Per discussion with Division Chief Henning the group recommends 30-minutes per 25-questions.
9. The committee recommends that SFT changes the required standards for monitoring the online certification test. Look into POST and other standards for monitors, this would greatly assist our stakeholders from a logistical and budgetary stand point.
10. The committee recommends that SFT makes an amendment to the current Candidate Identification Verification Procedure (pg. 80 ver. 8.2) that allows a Fire Chief to sign a letter certifying that all of the required Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter II training standards have been successfully completed and the candidate is thoroughly practiced and proficient on all skills.

If STEAC concurs with the Steering Committees suggestions, SFT will evaluate how to implement each item. SFT Staff will bring a staff report and any proposed changes back to STEAC for approval at a future meeting.